

Torrance, California  
April 5, 1949

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, April 5, 1949, at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

This being an adjourned meeting the regular order of business was dispensed with.

A communication from C. W. Heskett, 25344 Pennsylvania Avenue, Lomita, was read requesting permission to park a trailer house on Lot 32, Block 2, Meadow Park Tract, Parcel No. 1475, until a residence is built on said lot.

Councilman Drale moved that Mr. C. W. Heskett be granted the usual ninety day temporary permit. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Mrs. J. Turkmony, 2454 - 203rd Street, Torrance, was read requesting permission to use her trailer, now parked on her property, until she is completely settled in her home.

Councilman Drale moved that Mrs. J. Turkmony be granted the usual ninety day temporary permit. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from E. G. Cole, Sponsor, Varsity Club, was read requesting permission to use the Civic Auditorium and kitchen facilities on the evening of May 11, 1949, for the purpose of sponsoring a Father and Son banquet.

Councilman Drale moved that the request for use of the Civic Auditorium on the evening of May 11, 1949 be granted, on the condition that all kitchen facilities used will be cleaned up and left in an orderly manner. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett advised that the Torrance Lodge No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose would be satisfied to use the Civic Auditorium on the evening of April 30, 1949, instead of April 24, 1949, as previously requested at the meeting of March 29, 1949.

Councilman Powell moved that the request for use of the Civic Auditorium on the evening of April 30, 1949 be granted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from City Manager Stevens was read submitting recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

**PERSONNEL:**

1. That Mr. E. Y. Tarkington be given written notice to the effect that the Agreement entered into between Mr. Tarkington and the City of Torrance on the 4th day of August, 1947, will be void fifteen (15) days after the receipt of said notice.

Councilman Drale moved that the recommendations submitted by City Manager Stevens be voted on separately. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Haggard moved that the recommendation of City Manager Stevens with regard to Personnel be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1972

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CANCELLING AND RESCINDING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN E. Y. TARKINGTON AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 4TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1947.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1972 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1972 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of one Model D-15A Ditto Machine, complete with stand, the sum of \$281.87, including tax.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of City Manager Stevens with regard to Appropriations. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the Police Department be authorized to install the following street warning and regulatory signs, in conformance with the recommendation of the Traffic Commission:
  - A. STOP Signs:
    - (1) Four-way STOP at Sepulveda Boulevard and Cabrillo Avenue when Sepulveda Boulevard is completed.
    - (2) Four-way STOP at 223rd Street and Eshelman Avenue.
    - (3) STOP on west side of Robert Road at Doris Way.
    - (4) STOP on Sharynne Lane at Doris Way.
    - (5) Four-way STOP be re-established at Carson Street and Arlington Avenue.

- (6) STOP at entrance to Arlington Avenue from Alley in Block 64, Torrance Tract.

B. 25 Mile Per Hour Zones:

- (1) Hawthorne Boulevard south of 101 Highway.
- (2) Crenshaw Boulevard from 171st Street to 174th Street.
- (3) Cabrillo Avenue south of Carson Street.

C. Dip Warning Signs:

- (1) For dip at 220th Street and Cabrillo Avenue.
- (2) For dip at Plaza del Amo and Cabrillo Avenue.
- (3) For dip on Sartori Avenue at Engracia Avenue.

and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary ordinance to cover the above.

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Councilman Powell moved that the City Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager Stevens and the Traffic Commission with regard to street warning and regulatory signs. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first and final reading and read title to urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 454

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING A RECREATION COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBING POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of urgency Ordinance No. 454 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that urgency Ordinance No. 454 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first and final reading and read title to urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 455

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING PENALTY FOR ANY OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR OTHERWISE, OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, WHO FAILS OR REFUSES TO SURRENDER BOOKS, PAPERS, RECEIPTS, RECORDS OR OTHER PROPERTY FOR INSPECTION BY CERTAIN OFFICIALS.

Mayor Sherfey announced that it has been agreed among the Councilmen to hold this ordinance in abeyance.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 456

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SELLING, USING, POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 91 AND NO. 185.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 456 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 456 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 457

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, A CORPORATION, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A STANDARD GAUGE RAILROAD TRACK ACROSS LOMITA BOULEVARD TO SERVE A NEWLY ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale asked City Attorney Smith if the Ordinance includes the installation of signals at Carson Street and Torrance Boulevard.

City Attorney Smith replied that the ordinance only provides for a signal device at the Lomita Boulevard crossing, and the franchise is contingent upon the railway company installing this signal.

City Manager Stevens explained that the franchise is an extension of the Madrona spur line and does not cross Carson Street, but it does cross Sepulveda and Torrance Boulevard.

Councilman Drale declared this to be an important matter. It was his opinion that the Santa Fe should be compelled to put in wigwag signals at these major crossings, stating that there will be more danger of accidents at the Torrance Boulevard crossing than at the Lomita Boulevard crossing.

City Attorney Smith advised that there should be a separate ordinance to take care of these street crossings.

Councilman Powell asked if it would be advisable to make a motion that the Council go on record as recommending wigwag signals at the Sepulveda and Torrance Boulevard crossings.

City Attorney Smith replied that the Council only asked that this franchise include the installation of a wigwag signal at the Lomita Boulevard crossing.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 457 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that Ordinance No. 457 be tabled until the next regular Council meeting.

City Attorney Smith said, "this City Council, under a recent ruling of the Supreme Court, cannot order the Santa Fe or command them to install a wigwag at any place - that will have to be taken care of by the Railroad Commission. The Railroad Commission is the only authority that can compel the Santa Fe to install a wigwag."

Now, it used to be the law that the City had control of its streets in that respect, but no more, since a recent decision of the Supreme Court has overruled its former decision. As far as this ordinance is concerned, the Council cannot compel the Santa Fe to put in a wigwag anywhere in the City except as a condition precedent to the granting of a franchise."

Mayor Sherfey called for a second to Councilman Dral's motion. There being none, he declared the motion void.

Councilman Haggard moved that Ordinance No. 457 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that this Council go on record as suggesting to the Santa Fe Railway Company that signals are as badly needed at the Torrance Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard crossings as they are at the Lomita Boulevard crossing. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1973

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE SALE  
OF MUNICIPAL BUS LINE TICKETS IN THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE BY L. L. PRINCE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1973 be suspended. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1973 be adopted. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Attorney Smith recalled that at a meeting held February 23, 1949, the City Council gave the owner of a certain hog ranch and operators of fertilizer dumps ninety days in which to move, and he asked that the owner (whose name he could not remember) of some hogs, maintained adjacent to the hog ranch in question, who has been notified by the Health Department to dispose of his hogs, be extended the same privilege.

Councilman Haggard moved that the above-mentioned hog owner be ordered to dispose of his hogs within a period of ninety days. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale expressed the opinion that the request of Edward George for permission to place and occupy a tent on his property located at 182nd Street, between Crenshaw Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, which was presented at the meeting of March 22, 1949, should be referred to the Planning Commission.

City Attorney Smith did not believe the Planning Commission has any authority to grant this request, that the Council has this jurisdiction.

There was some discussion on whether it was a planning matter and who has jurisdiction, the Planning Commission or the Council, City Attorney Smith stating that this request is for a variance and the Planning Commission has not the right to grant this request.

Councilman Powell moved that this request be considered at the next regular Council meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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Councilman Drale moved that the all night parking around the residential district be eliminated from Traffic Ordinance No. 466.

City Attorney Smith advised that it would not be legal to amend the Traffic Ordinance by motion, that this can only be done in the regular manner - by an amendment to the ordinance.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Eppenheimer, 2215 Andreo Street, registered a complaint against the restriction of all night parking in the residential district, as set forth in Traffic Ordinance No. 466. She explained that they have three automobiles, and asked what was to be done with the cars as they have no garage, they cannot rent a garage; and that the cars are an obstruction if parked in the alley.

Mr. Eppenheimer understood that the all night parking restriction was included in the ordinance in order that the streets could be cleaned during the early morning hours. However, after diligent watching, he found that the sweeper did not pass his residence until about 7:00 a.m.

Chief Stroh stated that if there are two or three cars parked on the same block with one or two cars on the opposite side of the street, it is impossible to get through with the street sweeper. It was his opinion that the ordinance can be enforced if a plan can be worked out whereby the street sweeper could be scheduled to cover certain streets in the residential area on certain days of the week and at certain hours, and the streets in the business district could be cleaned in the early morning hours.

Mr. Baldwin, representing the press, was in accord with Chief Stroh's suggestion, and promised the cooperation of the press in advertising any feasible plan that could be worked out.

After discussion of this parking problem and the several suggestions advanced for its solution, Mayor Sherfey moved that City Manager Stevens, Chief Stroh, Street Superintendent Perkins, together with the press, be authorized to work out some schedule for the street sweeper that can be complied with by the residents who do not have garages in which to park their cars. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:00 p.m., on motion by Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Haggard, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

*A. H. Bartlett*

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

*J. H. Sherfey Jr.*

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE